

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 (previously presented): A method of making a hard-sided luggage article, said method comprising using a blow molding process to produce a base and a lid for said luggage article, said lid having a double wall construction including an outer wall and an inner wall with intermittent portions which contact an inner surface of said outer wall in order to impart torsional and compressive strength to said lid, said base is formed with a Z-beam to receive said lid thereon, said inner wall includes a groove section which mates with said Z-beam when said lid is received on said base; and an extrusion attached to a section of said Z-beam.

Claims 2-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method of Claim 1 including

said extrusion is a co-extrusion having a first portion which clips on to said section of said Z-beam and a second portion which extends laterally outwardly from said first portion.

Claim 6 (original): The method of Claim 5, including

said first portion is made from a first material and said second portion is made from a second material, said first material being harder than said second material.

Claim 7 (original): The method of Claim 6, including

said base and lid having a first color and said second material has a second color, whereby said second portion creates a color break between said base and said lid.

Claim 8 (original): A hard-sided luggage article comprising:

a base;

a lid secured to said base; and

said base including an opening defined by a Z-beam.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The article of Claim 8, including

an extrusion attached to a section of said Z-beam.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The article of Claim 9, including

said extrusion is a co-extrusion having a first portion which clips on to said section of said Z-beam and a second portion which extends laterally outwardly from said first portion.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The article of Claim 10, including

said first portion is made from a first material and said second portion is made from a second material, said first material being harder than said second material.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The article of Claim 11, including

said base and lid have a first color and said second material has a second color, whereby said second portion creates a color break between said base and said lid.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The article of Claim 8, including

said lid has a double wall construction including an outer wall and an inner wall.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The article of Claim 13, including

said inner wall has intermittent portions which contact an inner surface of said outer wall in order to impart torsional and compressive strength to said lid.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The article of Claim 14, including

said inner wall includes a groove section which mates with said Z-beam when said lid is closed on to said base.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A hard-sided luggage article including a trap-door lid; and

a base, said trap-door lid being hingedly connected to said base.

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (previously presented): The article of Claim 16, including

said lid and said base are separated by a parting line.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The article of Claim 18, including

said base includes a bottom portion and a sidewall portion; and

said parting line having a portion that is not disposed on said sidewall portion.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The article of Claim 19, including

said portion of said parting line not disposed on said sidewall portion is where said lid is hingedly connected to said base.